

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

When was the last time you attended an Eagle Court of Honor? In November I attended my first in twenty years. Family, friends, Scouts, adult Scouters, and local dignitaries gathered to celebrate two boys (twin brothers) who had reached the pinnacle of Scouting. At one point all Eagle Scouts in attendance were asked to step forward and reaffirm the oath each had taken when he received the award years before. During the ceremony I reflected on why I am a Scouting volunteer--to see boys learn valuable life

skills, set and achieve goals, build character and confidence, all so that they may lead productive adult lives. Each Buckeye District Eagle Scout has benefited from the support and selfless efforts of volunteers at all levels of the Scouting program. The next time you attend an award ceremony, take a moment to think about the contributions you can make to Scouts in the Buckeye District. A special thank you to our volunteers for all you do!

Lyle Brown, Buckeye District Chairman

CELEBRATING OUR LEADERS



Simon Kenton Council has announced that 4 individuals from Buckeye have been recognized with the Silver Beaver Award - the highest award a Council can give to a volunteer.

Raymond Pearsall - Troop 734
Pam Pyle - District
Dave Sullenberger - LDS Units
Ron White - Troop 332

In addition, 2 Darby Creek (former Buckeye) Leaders were selected -

Jane Hora - Troop 117
Jim Palmer - Crew 634

(Jim is also the organizer of the Upper Arlington Swamp Romp)

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THESE MOST DESERVING INDIVIDUALS

They will all be honored at the Silver Beaver Court of Honor and luncheon on **Feb 4, 2012** at Jefferson Country Club [Information & Registration](#)

LAST MINUTE REMINDER

Get your nominations submitted NOW? We cannot recognize the leaders/parents who have helped your unit without your nomination. Complete an Award Recommendation Form (at the end of this Enews) for all those Volunteers who have rendered service to a Cub Pack, Scout Troop, Venture Crew, or District during the year. *This is your way to say "Thank You" to a leader for their service to the youth of the District, our children.* Selected nominees will be honored at the Volunteer Recognition Dinner on **March 10, 2012.**

Nominations must be postmarked, emailed, or in the hands of Alex Protopopow, no later than 8:00 PM, Saturday, December 31, 2011.

[Nomination Form](#) Complete the form as completely as possible. Fill-in nominee's and nominator's information, don't forget addresses, phone number, and email address. Please be neat and make sure the form is legible. Feel free to duplicate the form and attach additional information if necessary. Return completed forms to: Alex Protopopow, 63 Ridgedale Court, Powell, OH 43065. Fax: 740-549-4985 [Email](#)

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

THANK YOU to all of the units that participated in Scouting For Food. Buckeye District has collected 6741 pounds of food so far. Be sure to enter your results and order patches (\$2 each) on the [SFF website](#) Patches will be available at the **January 5** Roundtable

FUN FOR THE FAMILY

OHIO STATE HOCKEY SCOUT NIGHT



The OSU Hockey team meets Michigan on **January 13, 2012** and it will be Scout Night! Doors open at 4:30 PM. In addition to a great match, there will be fitness testing, advancement opportunities and a commemorative patch.

[Information](#)

BLUE JACKETS SCOUT NIGHT



Support our Blue Jackets on **February 24, 2012** as they face off against the Colorado Avalanche. A free patch and discount pricing is included with every registration. **NEW THIS YEAR** - If UNITS order tickets before January 1, they will be entered into a drawing for special experiences - a pre-game tunnel of pride or post-game ice slap shot. [Order Tickets](#)

MAD RIVER MOUNTAIN FAMILY SCOUT DAY

Mad River is offering a Scout Day on **Feb 12, 2012**. They offer special prices at either of 2 sessions of snowtubing, skiing, &/or snowboarding. [Information](#)

MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL

Learn how the maple syrup gets from the trees to your pancakes at Camp Lazarus and enjoy many other activities at the 25th Annual Maple Syrup Festival **Mar 3 & Mar 10, 2012** 9AM-4PM Cost:\$3.00 - register and pay at the door. [Information](#)



ROUNDTABLE



ALL Cub Scout Leaders, Boy Scout Leaders, Venturing Leaders and interested Scout parents are invited to the

BUCKEYE DISTRICT ROUNDTABLE

**January 5, 2012 at 7:00 PM
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

1130 Fishinger Rd in Upper Arlington (near Kenny Rd)

Roundtable meets on the lower level

The **January 5, 2012** Roundtable will be a different format. It will include the Famous Buckeye Chile Cook-off. **Bring your favorite recipe in a crock pot and see if it is the District's winner of a FABULOUS prize.**

We will also have a Fireside Chat with the Council Executive - Jeff Moe, the Council Commissioner - Ron

Lime and Buckeye District Executive - Steve Sikora. They will discuss the state of the district & council as well as take questions from the audience.

ROUNDTABLE COMING ATTRACTION

February 2, 2012

Cub Scouts - Challenges of ADD/ADHD

Boy Scouts - NEW Eagle Project Workbook

Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting Agendas - Round 2

Everyone - Supporting Scouts with Disabilities

Everyone - Wood Badge Overview

During the General Meeting we will be demonstrating a Flag Ceremony with explanations of the calls.

ADVANCEMENT

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT WORKBOOK



BSA has a new [Eagle Scout Project workbook](#) which is fillable PDF. There are major changes in this workbook. After **January 1, 2012** this is the required workbook for all Scouts who have not already had their project approved by the District Advancement Committee.

LIFE TO EAGLE SEMINAR



A Life to Eagle Seminar will be **January 5, 2012** from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm in conjunction with Roundtable at Church of Christ, 1130 Fishinger Rd in Upper Arlington. This seminar is open to Star and Life

Scouts, and their parents. Scouts interested **MUST** register with our District Advancement Chair, [Jeff Cramlet](#) or call him at 740-549-2913. There is no cost. Be sure to clearly state your name, troop and contact information when leaving a message.

MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS

The Units in Buckeye just completed the rechartering process but the District doesn't recharter until March. **ALL MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS MUST BE CURRENT WITH THEIR YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING by March 31, 2012** in order to continue to be a Counselor. If a Counselor is not current, they will be removed from the list and if a Scout completes a badge with them, it will be invalid. [YPT link](#)

DISTRICT NEWS BRIEFS

POPCORN UPDATE



The sales of popcorn struggled this year and were a little bit down, but Buckeye District units still sold over \$600,000 worth of popcorn products. Over \$200,000 went to individual units and over \$200,000 will go to the Council to provide Scouting services. Six Packs each sold over \$20,000. They are Pack 128, 481, 148, 11, 17, and 74. What a great accomplishment for all the boys and parents in Buckeye.

BUCKEYE DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

The Buckeye District Annual Meeting & Election will be held

January 26, 2012

at Riverside United Methodist Church, 5200 Riverside Drive starting at 7:00 pm. **All leaders in Buckeye District are welcome to attend. Remember all Chartered Organization Representatives and District Members at Large are eligible to vote.**



JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE



"Scouting's Journey to Excellence" is the BSA's performance recognition program designed to encourage and reward success and measure the performance of our units. Every Unit has received the

necessary paperwork which must be turned in by **January 31, 2012 (NOTE DATE CHANGE)** to Mary Jean Speno (District Commissioner) or Steve Sikora (District Executive). All Above & Beyond paperwork (for FREE advancement) must be turned in at the same time.

VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION DINNER

Put This On Your Calendar!



The Volunteer Celebration Dinner will be held **March 10, 2012** at Northwest United Methodist Church, 5200 Riverside Dr in Upper Arlington. Every leader in the District is invited. [Information](#)

FAMILY FRIENDS OF SCOUTING



Each year a team of volunteers go to each unit to give "friends" an opportunity to support the Simon Kenton Council's Scouting Mission. Each Unit is asked to choose a date (Blue & Gold Banquet or a Court of Honor) for a volunteer to come and share the story of Scouting and to explain how to help support the district and council. Units are asked to email [Steve Sikora](#) with their preferred date as soon as possible. Presentations are to be completed by **March 31, 2012**

TRAINING

ALL DIRECT CONTACT LEADERS MUST BE TRAINED BY DECEMBER 31, 2011

If a Direct Contact Leader - Cubmasters & Assistants, Den Leaders & Assistants, Scoutmasters & Assistants, Varsity Coaches & Assistants, Venture Crew Advisors and Skippers - are NOT TRAINED FOR THE POSITION THEY ARE REGISTERED FOR by December 31, 2011, the Unit MUST change the registration to "Member of the Committee" or the leader will be dropped from the charter. The leader will then have to complete the training for their position and submit a new application for a change of position (no fee is required) or remain on the Committee until the Unit recharter in 2013.

LEADER SPECIFIC TRAINING

Leader Specific training for ALL POSITIONS (except Tiger Cubs) will be offered on **January 6, 2012** from 6-10 PM at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Galloway. [Information](#) [Registration](#).

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING

A Salute To Veterans



The BIGGEST and BEST adult leader training event in the Council is University of Scouting. It will be **January 21, 2012** at Pickerington North High School. There will be many new courses and the midway is always fabulous. Cost: \$35. *Leader Specific Training will be available for all positions.* [Courses](#) [Registration](#)

BALOO & WOW

Put these on your calendar

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) and Webelos Leader Outdoor Training (WOW) will be offered by the Buckeye District **March 24, 2012** (BALOO) and **March 31, 2012** (WOW). Both courses will be at Camp Lazarus. Registration will be available soon on the [District website](#).

2012 WOOD BADGE DINNER



Have you attended a Wood Badge Course? Are you wondering what Wood Badge is all about? Then this is for YOU!! The dinner will be held

March 17, 2012 starting at 5:00 PM at the Little Turtle Golf Club. Everyone is encouraged to bring something to be auctioned off to continue the tradition of helping our Scouting brothers & sisters. [Information](#)
[Registration](#)

PACK NEWS BRIEFS

PACK MEETING THEMES HAVE RETURNED

The National BSA is once again supplying Supplemental [Pack Meeting Plans](#) which are based on themes which can be used at Pack Meetings. Units can utilize these ideas or maintain the current Core Values.

CHILLER SCOUT SKATE NIGHT



Scout Skate Night at the Chiller Easton will be **December 29, 2011** 5 PM - 8 PM. Scouts skate FREE and others pay only \$5, including skate rental. Earn a belt loop or work towards your "Fit For Scouting" award.

WEBELOS FIRST AID MEET



The Webelos First Aid Meet is **January 28, 2012** at Northwest Christian Church with check-in at 8:30 AM. Webelos will need only one additional requirement to earn the ReadyMan Activity Pin if they attend this event. Please register by Den and two-deep leadership is required by January 7, 2012. Cost \$8. [Information](#)
[Registration](#)

SHOOTING SPORTS/RANGE MASTER TRAINING

There will be 2 opportunities for adults to complete Range Master Training. **March 4 & 11, 2012** 1-5 PM at Camp Lazarus. Cost \$10.00. [Information](#)
[Register Mar 4](#) [Register Mar 10](#)

CHILLER SCOUT SKATE NIGHT

Scout Skate Night at the Chiller North will be **March 31, 2012** 5 PM - 8 PM. Scouts skate FREE and others pay only \$5, including skate rental. Earn a belt loop or work towards your "Fit For Scouting" award.

BUCKEYE DISTRICT DAY CAMP



Even though it isn't even officially winter yet, it's time to think about the summer and Day Camp! The dates for Buckeye District Day Camp in 2012 are **July 23-27**. Your Day Camp staff has a short presentation about all the exciting activities in the Wild, Wild West. Please contact [Michelle Gibson](#) to set up a time for them to come to your Pack Meeting/Blue & Gold Banquet to let you in on the excitement. If anyone is need of a [campership](#), they must be submitted before **March 1**.

TROOP NEWS BRIEFS

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POPE PIUS XII EMBLEM

The Catholic Diocese offers the Pope Pius XII Program **Jan 13-15, 2012** in South Bloomingville OH. This program is for Scouts that are at least in the 9th grade and have earned the *Ad Altare Dei* emblem. [Information](#)

SCOUT ADVENTURE COLLEGE

There will be youth classes at the University of Scouting on **January 21, 2012!** Four Merit Badges - Chess, Architecture, Engineering & Law Merit Badges will be offered along with Den Chief Training (additional cost). Scouts can also take a class "Road to Eagle" or "Life to Eagle". Cost: \$20
[Course catalogue](#) [Register](#)



TROOP NEWS BRIEFS cont.

AMAZING KLONDIKE

Get Your Sleds Ready!



This year's Klondike Derby will be **January 28, 2012**. It will be an "Amazing" Klondike through unexplored areas of Camp Lazarus with check-in at 8:00 AM. Units can camp overnight and may qualify for the Polar Bear patch depending on the weather. [Bulletin](#) and [Sled Plans](#). Cost: \$8.00

THINK SNOW!!

CRIME PREVENTION MERIT BADGE



A workshop for Crime Prevention Merit Badge will be held in Westerville on **Jan 28, 2012**. There are requirements that must be completed before the workshop. A blue card must be obtained from your Scoutmaster. [Information & registration form](#). Form must be received before **December 30, 2011** as space is limited. Includes lunch & is FREE!

ELECTRICITY MERIT BADGE



AEP and OSU are offering the Electricity Merit Badge on **Feb 11, 2012**. A Blue Card must be obtained from your Scoutmaster. Be sure to register early for this popular Merit Badge as there are a number of pre-requisites. Cost: \$5 [Information & registration](#)

JUNIOR LEADER ORIENTATION WORKSHOP JLOW



JLOW is an opportunity for Boy Scouts to learn more about how to be a better youth leader. It will be held **Saturday, February 25, 2012** at Camp Lazarus. **Cost is \$25 prior to Feb 3**. Registration is limited to the first 125 registrants. [Information](#) [Registration](#)

KEN AND JUNE SMITH MEMORIAL SHOOT

Scouts, Scouters and their friends are invited to participate in the 6th annual Ken & June Smith Memorial Shoot, hosted by Crew 45 at the Powder Room in Powell on **Tuesday, March 27th**. The shoot will be divided into two age groups, those under 21 and

those 21 and over. Shooting will be with .22 L.R. rifles from the standing position at 50ft.

If you do not have a rifle, loaners will be available. Each shooter will shoot 5 shots at 3 different targets. The top 3 scores in each age group will be awarded a trophy. Entry fee is \$10.00 per shooter. Ammo and targets are provided. Eye and ear protection will be provided for those that need them. **Mail your registration by March 15, 2012** to:

Chris Morris
Venture Crew 45
5700 Crawford Dr
Columbus, OH 43229

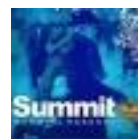
AND send [Chris Morris](#) an email telling him you are coming.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING (NYLT)



The Simon Kenton Council offers 2 National Youth Leadership Training courses. The next course, Simon Kenton, will be offered on 2 weekends - **April 13-15 & April 27-29 2012**. Cost is \$155 if registered by January 15, 2012. [Information Registration](#) Another course, Nagataman, will be offered **June 6-16, 2012**.

SUMMIT BECHTEL RESERVATION SHAKEDOWN 2012



The Summit is calling for crews and troops to come out for a long weekend to camp and experience some of the activities out at the Summit. SBR wants to test various components of the new jamboree model on-site. The cost of the event covers all meals beginning with the lunch on the day of arrival and will end with the breakfast of the day of departure. This also includes tents, equipment, supplies, and other items similar what will be provided at the jamboree. Everyone need only bring their personal gear. Transportation from home to the Summit and back are at the troops'/crews' expense. Some of the possible programs are climbing, rappelling, canopy tour, zip lines, BMX, skateboarding, mountain biking, shooting sports, and archery. [Information](#)

OA NEWS BRIEF

OA TENDEUCHEN CHAPTER MEETING

The Tendeuchen Chapter meetings are held at Riverside United Methodist Church at 2701 Zollinger Road. The next meeting is **January 4, 2012** at 7:30 PM. All members of the Order of the Arrow are welcome at these meetings.

LODGE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

February 18, 2012 at Camp Lazarus.



Calling ALL Chapter Officers and Advisers or any Arrowmen interested in a leadership role in the Order of the Arrow. The Lodge Leadership Development is your chance to learn how the Lodge and Chapter works. For more information, visit the [OA website](#)

CREW NEWS BRIEFS

VENTURING AWESOME ROUNDTABLE

All Crew members and adults are invited to the next VAT on **Sunday, January 8, 2012**, 5-6 PM at Maize Manor United Methodist Church.

SKI ADVENTURE FOR VENTURING

All Venturers are invited to a Ski Adventure at Camp Lazarus/ Mad River Mountain **Feb 11-12, 2012**. Special rates will apply. [Information](#) Venturer's have the option of staying at Camp Lazarus on Saturday evening (arrive around 6 PM). There will be activities in the evening, snacks and breakfast for \$8. We will leave on Sunday morning after breakfast for Mad River Mtn. [Registration](#)

SIMON KENTON COUNCIL TRAINING LINKS

Feb 4 [E.D.G.E. training](#) - Tri Creek

Mar 31 [B.A.L.O.O. Training](#) Tri Creek

Apr 27-29 [Outdoor Leader Skills & Outdoor Webelos Leaders](#) Tri Creek

(All training courses use a National BSA syllabus, so a leader can attend a course in any District.)

JANUARY 2012 CALENDAR

1	New Years Day			
4	7:30 PM	Tendeuchen Chapter OA Meeting		B,V
5	6:30 PM	Life to Eagle Seminar		B
5	7:00 PM	Buckeye District Roundtable		C,W,B,V
6	6:00 PM	Leader Specific Training	SKC	C,W,B,V
8	4:00 PM	Venturing Officers Association Meeting	SKC	V
12	7:30 PM	Boy Scout Activity Committee Meeting		B
13	4:30 PM	Ohio State Hockey Scout Night	SKC	C,W,B,V
13-15	7:00 PM	Catholic Pope Pius XII Program	SKC	B,V
21	8:30 AM	SKC University of Scouting	SKC	C,W,B,V
21	8:30 AM	Scout Adventure College	SKC	B,V
22	3:00 PM	Scout Day with the Bishop	SKC	C,W,B,V
26	7:00 PM	Buckeye District Annual Meeting & Elections		C,W,B,V
28	8:00 AM	Buckeye District Klondike Derby		B,V
28	8:30 AM	Buckeye District Webelos First Aid Meet		W
28	8:00 AM	Crime Prevention Merit Badge	SKC	B,V

Key to abbreviations:

Event is for C=Cub Scouts, W=Webelos Scouts, B=Boy Scouts, V=Venturers and/or their leaders.

For more information about "SKC" events, visit www.skcbosa.org or call 614-436-7200

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